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Applicant : Barany et al.

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For : A THERMOSTABLE LIGASE MEDIATED
DNA AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE
DETECTION OF GENETIC DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the December 22, 2004, written restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group III (i.e. claims 5-6) with traverse. Applicant submits that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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